

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Child and Family Services Agency



CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT

CONTRACT NO.: DCRL-2014-R-0093
CAPTION: Child and Adult Psychopathology Training
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Dr. Robin Gearing
PROGRAM AGENCY: Child and Family Services Agency

FINDINGS

1. **AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304 and 1702

2. **MINIMUM NEED:**

The Government of the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), has an immediate need to contract with Dr. Robin E. Gearing, a social work professional with a vast knowledge of assessment and treatment knowledge, to train CFSA employees and contracted staff on the subjects of Child and Adult Psychopathology.

3. **ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:**

\$16,770.00

4. **FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

A. Dr. Robin E. Gearing is an Associate Professor at the Columbia University School of Social Work. He has extensive experience practicing as a clinical social worker in youth and family psychosocial and mental health treatment services for more than twenty years. Dr. Gearing's program of research concentrates in the areas of child and adolescent mental health service use and treatment interventions. His research examines and seeks to build on improving treatment engagement, adherence, and developing evidence-based psychosocial treatment interventions for youth with mental illness and their families. In addition to other forums, findings from Dr. Gearing's research have appeared in over 30 peer-review journal publications.

- B. CFSA is moving toward behavioral based case plans and increasing the number of cases going through the Family Assessment Unit, rather than the traditional CPS track.
- C. Dr. Gearing is the author of the course approach and content, PowerPoint, materials, and lectures. The Columbia University School of Social Work holds the copyright for the course objectives, which were developed with and can be used by Dr. Gearing. Dr. Gearing will teach the following course module at CFSA, throughout the fiscal year: The Identification and Treatment of Adult Psychopathology; The Identification and Treatment of Childhood Psychopathology; Identification, Assessment and Treatment of Adolescent Suicidal Behavior; and Effectively Engaging and Maintaining a Therapeutic Alliance. All courses have been approved for Continuing Education Credits.
- D. A market survey was performed by searching for local universities that might offer the same course. University of Maryland offers a course in Psychopathology with emphasis on standard diagnostic manuals, as well as family systems models, but there was no other local university that specifically offered Child Psychopathology – Normal and Pathological Aspects of Childhood. This contract will utilize an existing expert in Child Psychopathology with children and families involved in the New York child welfare system.

5. **CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:**

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Date

Director
Raymond Davidson

6. **CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:**

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Chief Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Procurement Officer